

Welcome to Olomouc

We are delighted to welcome incoming students to our university and to the city of Olomouc. It is a historic, friendly and walkable student city with a relaxed atmosphere and plenty of places to discover.

To help you settle in, we have put together a few tips about local cafés, restaurants, parks and cultural spots that students often enjoy. Whether you prefer exploring the old town, trying good coffee, or spending time in green areas, Olomouc offers many opportunities to relax and feel at home.

Here are some useful tips and favourite places among students:

Food

Here's a list of **Olomouc's bistros, patisseries, and experiential restaurants** — places that we, locals, absolutely love <3

Tips - Lunch menus (11:00–15:00) are always cheaper — often under 200 CZK. All of these spots are within a 15-min tram ride from the University area.

1. Pastryum

Type: Artisan bakery & café

Vibe: French pastry lab meets minimal coffee shop.

Specialties:

- Pistachio croissant, caramel–hazelnut croissant, strawberry Danish.
- Everything is handmade — small batches, butter-based doughs, and seasonal fillings.

Why it's special:

They open only a few days a week (Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat) and sell out early. Locals line up before 9 AM.

Address: Ztracená, Olomouc



2. Claudio Bistro

Type: Italian street-food bistro

Vibe: Small, friendly, very Italian.

Specialties:

- Schiacciata a Tuscan-style flatbread sandwich filled with prosciutto, burrata, mortadella, truffle cream, or roasted veggies.
- Fresh ingredients imported directly from Italy

Why it's special:

They serve authentic, high-quality Italian food at student-friendly prices — quick lunch but still a gourmet experience.

Address: Ztracená, Olomouc



3. Konvikt Bistro & Bar

Type: Contemporary bistro

Vibe: Set inside a 17th-century Jesuit convent mix of modern design& historic charm.

Specialties:

- Seasonal dishes with Czech and Mediterranean influences.
- Homemade hummus, grain bowls, soups, and local craft beers.

Why it's special:

They cook with local ingredients, change the menu monthly, and have great **vegetarian** options.

Perfect for lunch between lectures or casual dinner.

Address: Univerzitní 3, Olomouc



4. Bistro Paulus

Type: Modern casual dining

Chef: Roman Paulus – Michelin-starred chef (formerly at Alcron Prague).

Specialties:

- “Czech cuisine reimaged”:
roasted duck with cabbage variations,
fish fillets with lemon risotto, seasonal soups.
- Daily lunch menu that’s more **affordable for students**.



Why it’s special:

It’s like fine dining but in a laid-back atmosphere. You can taste Michelin-level food without spending a fortune.

Address: tř. Kosmonautů 1221/2a, Olomouc

5. Bistro no1

Type: Burger bistro / street food

Vibe: Cool, fast, and proudly local pure burger energy.

Specialities:

- Double Rookie – classic beef, cheddar & pickles.
- Blue Stilton – bold twist with blue cheese & bacon.
- Turkey Burger – lighter, honey-mayo flavor.
- Mega Boy – massive “party burger” for sharing.



Why go:

Handmade buns, quality beef, and crazy-good sauces. Quick, fresh, and easily the best street burger in town.

Address: Riegrova 29

6. La scala

Type: Italian trattoria & pizzeria

Vibe: Elegant but relaxed — great for a date or nicer dinner.

Specialties:

- Wood-fired pizzas, pasta, risotto, Italian desserts.

Why it's special:

Chef-trained staff, authentic Italian feel, and great tiramisu.

Address: Kateřinská 6, Olomouc



7. Pizza hradlo

Type: Local favorite pizzeria

Vibe: Cozy, friendly, classic Czech–Italian mix.

Specialties:

- Thin-crust pizzas baked in a stone oven.
- Prosciutto e funghi, Quattro formaggi, Diavola.

Why it's special:

Affordable, authentic pizza — made with proper Italian ingredients.

Address: Hradisko 30, Olomouc



8. Running sushi Šantovka

Type: Conveyor-belt sushi restaurant

Vibe: Casual, fun, and perfect for groups.

Specialties:

- Fresh sushi, rolls, nigiri, sashimi, and small warm dishes like tempura or gyoza.
- All-you-can-eat conveyor style.

Why it's special:

A social experience — sit by the belt and grab what you like.

Pro tip: Go during lunch (cheaper buffet price).

Address: Galerie Šantovka, Polská 1, Olomouc



9. Viet Village

Type: Authentic Vietnamese restaurant

Vibe: Simple, cozy, and full of locals (always a good sign).

Specialties:

- Classic Pho bo / Pho ga, Bun nem, Bun bo Hue, and stir-fried noodles.
- Homemade sauces — their chili-lime fish sauce is amazing.

Why it's special:

No fusion here — just real Vietnamese comfort food, generous portions, and fast service.

Pro tip: Great lunch stop between classes — meals around 150–200 CZK.

Address: 8. května 21, Olomouc



10. Ca Phé District

Type: Vietnamese café + bistro

Vibe: Industrial courtyard café, minimal design, lots of plants

— feels like a modern Saigon coffee house.

Specialties:

- Pho bo, bun cha, fresh spring rolls, Vietnamese drip coffee.
- Seasonal specials like iced coconut coffee and bánh mì.



Why it's special:

They combine an authentic Vietnamese kitchen with the chill aesthetic of a European café — perfect for brunch or early dinner.

Address: Uhelná 11, Olomouc

11. Špagetárna

Type: Pasta / quick Italian bistro (takeaway + limited seating)

Vibe: Cozy, casual, “minute pasta” spot for a fast, good meal

Specialties:

- Spaghetti Boloňské, Arrabiata, Spinach, Spaghett with zucchini & tomato sauce.



They always add **Parmesan** and **fresh arugula** on top (you can ask to omit).

Why it's special:

It's a local favorite for quick, tasty pasta made fresh. Great for lunch or dinner when you want something familiar, comforting, and not overly fancy — but still good quality.

Address: 1. Máje 825/4, Olomouc

12. Simple dumpl

Type: Dumpling bar / street-food bistro

Vibe: Small, modern, and cozy — handmade dumplings from around the world.

What to try:

- **Juicy Pork** – pork, cabbage, mushrooms, ginger & soy.
- **Beef & Cheddar** – beef, caramelized onion, BBQ sauce, melted cheddar.
- **Veggie Dumplinks** – spinach, ricotta, or mushroom fillings

Why go:

Freshly made dumplings with creative fillings Fast service, good prices.

Address: Denisova 13, Olomouc



13. Long story short

Type: Modern bistro & fine dining

Vibe: Minimalist, stylish, set in a renovated historical fortress

Try:

- Seasonal tasting menu (modern European / Czech fusion)
- Homemade sourdough bread & pastries from their bakery

Why go:

Chef-driven, design-forward restaurant with outstanding food and service — easily one of Olomouc's *signature dining spots*. Perfect for brunch, dinner, or a special night out.

Address: Koželužská 33, Olomouc



Here are some cafés, dessert spots, and bars in Olomouc.

1. Kafe Pikola

Type: Espresso bar / café

Vibe: Cozy, local, ideal for coffee lovers

What to try:

- Specialty espresso, flat white, filter coffee, homemade cakes and desserts

Why it's special: They use locally roasted beans, have friendly atmosphere and nice garden

Address: Sokolská 586/7, Olomouc



2. NM Desserts

Type: Dessert / pastry shop

Vibe: Elegant, dessert-centric, Instagram-friendly

What to try:

- High-end cakes, pastries, creative dessert plate

Why it's special: Fine craftsmanship — every dessert is like a mini work of art; original & artisan cakes on world level”

Address: Třída Míru 260/32, Olomouc



3. Cafe La Fée & Coffee Library

These are among the top rated dessert / café spots in Olomouc (according to reviews)

- **La Fée** — charming café & tea spot, ideal for desserts and relaxed afternoon breaks.
- **Coffee Library** — cozy, quiet spot good for studying + good coffees and cakes.



4. Kafec - Vila Primavesi

Type: Café & brunch spot in an Art Nouveau villa

Vibe: Elegant, bright, with garden views
one of Olomouc's prettiest cafés.

Try:

- Signature **Belgian waffles** (sweet or savory). **Specialty coffee** and homemade cakes
- **Toasts & scrambled eggs** with mascarpone,

Why go: Top brunch in town — great food, perfect coffee, and a stunning location inside historic

Address: Univerzitní 7, Olomouc



5. Zmrzlinárium Café Centro

Type: Artisan gelato café

Vibe: Bright, stylish, always buzzing — a local classic for ice cream lovers.

Try:

- Pistachio, salted caramel, mango, cheesecake
- Seasonal fruit sorbets

Why go:

Olomouc's most famous gelato spot — fresh daily, natural ingredients, and creative flavors that change every week.

Address: Na Střelnici 37, Olomouc



BARS

6. Vertigo

Type: Student club / bar

Vibe: Energetic, party nights, student crowd

What to expect:

- DJ nights, drinks, lively dancefloor

Why it's special: One of the go-to night spots for students.

long nights, good crowd, dynamic music

Address: Univerzitní 6, Olomouc



7. Say Yes Bar

Type: Cocktail bar / lounge

Vibe: Intimate, stylish, good for evening drinks and social nights

What to try:

- Signature cocktails (creative mixes, seasonal ingredients)
- Classic favorites (Old Fashioned, Mojito, etc.)
- Great selection of spirits and beers

Why it's special:

Cozy bar with a stylish setting — perfect for relaxed evenings or meeting friends. It's not a full dance club, but a place where atmosphere and drinks are the stars. **ISIC 10% discounts**

Address: třída 1. Máje 32, Olomouc



8. Bar Zahrada

Type: Garden bar / outdoor bar + grill & smokehouse

Vibe: Chill, relaxed, “hidden gem” garden atmosphere

What to try:

- Craft beers (from microbreweries + big names)
- Mixes & cocktails, smoked dishes, burgers, grill / barbecue items
- Cold drinks, local beers — a good selection



Why it's special:

It's a cozy open-air bar tucked behind a wall with live music Nights, relaxed vibe, friendly staff, garden seating

Address: Mlýnská 79, Olomouc

9. Axiom Pub

Type: Craft beer pub

Vibe: Modern, lively, local favorite for beer lovers.

Try:

- Up to **17 rotating taps** from *Axiom Brewery* & guest microbreweries, IPAs, stouts, sours, and seasonal specials
- Light snacks to pair with beer



Why go:

Top spot for Czech craft beer — friendly staff, cozy interior, and new brews every week.

Address: Panská 4, Olomouc

10. Na břehu Rhône

Type: French-style wine bar & bistro

Vibe: Elegant yet relaxed — dim lights, jazz, and the clink of wine glasses. Feels like a cozy **Try:**

- Self-serve system: pour your own wine from over 20 open bottles (mostly French)
- Rhône Valley specialties – Syrah, Grenache, Côtes du Rhône blends
- Cheese & charcuterie boards, pâté, and fresh baguettes

Why go:

A true wine lover's paradise — you can taste at your own pace, from a few sips to a full glass.

Address: Dolní náměstí 2, Olomouc

Here are some **historic, botanical & scenic spots** in and around Olomouc worth visiting

1. Olomouc Castle & Wenceslas Hil

Medieval castle complex with the **Archbishop's Palace** and **St. Wenceslas Cathedral**.

Why visit: It's the historic heart of the city, offering both architecture and peaceful views over the old town.

Gothic cathedral dating back to the 12th century with a 100 m tower — one of the tallest in the country.

Why visit: Climb the tower for a panoramic view and see the ornate interior and ancient crypts.



2. Church of St. Maurice - St. Maurice Tower

Late Gothic church near the Upper Square.

Why visit: You can climb its tower — one of the best city viewpoints — and listen to concerts played on its historic organ.

Gothic bell tower accessible to visitors.

Why visit: The best 360° view of Olomouc's rooftops and both squares.



3. Church of St. Michael

Baroque gem with three domes, frescoes, and calm atmosphere.

Why visit: A peaceful interior and excellent example of Czech Baroque architecture just minutes from the main square.



4. Hradisko Monastery

Former Benedictine / Premonstratensian monastery, now a military hospital.

Why visit: Massive Baroque architecture and one of the most impressive monastic complexes in Moravia



5. Flora Olomouc Botanical Garden & Rosarium

Large park complex with greenhouses, themed gardens, and a rose collection.

Why visit: Perfect for a quiet walk or a picnic; the spring and summer flower exhibitions are beautiful.



6. Bezručovy Sady Park, Smetanovy Sady

Bezručovy - A long green belt under the old city walls, full of walking paths and flowers.

Why visit: Great place to relax, jog, or enjoy nature while staying close to the historic center.

Smetanovy - Grand park with tree alleys, fountains, and the Flora exhibition center.

Why visit: Lovely for afternoon walks, picnics, or a peaceful break — especially in spring bloom



7. Botanical Greenhouses (Flora Pavilion A & B)

Part of the Flora exhibition grounds.

Why visit: Tropical plants, succulents, orchids, and butterflies — great for photos and rainy days.



8. Archdiocesan Museum

Why visit: One of the most important museums in Moravia — beautiful interiors, religious art, Gothic and Baroque sculptures, and an ancient palace. The courtyard garden is peaceful and free to enter.



9. Fort Science – Interactive Science Center

Part of Palacký University, located in a former artillery fort.

Why visit: Interactive exhibits for physics, biology, astronomy, and robotics. Perfect for students - you can touch, test, and play with everything.



10. The Olomouc Astronomical Clock

Located on the Town Hall tower in the Upper Square.

Why visit: Unique socialist-realist design from the 1950s — one of only two astronomical clocks of its kind in the world still operating. The figures move every day at noon.



Here's list of **top trips around Olomouc** + with how to get there

1. Bouzov Castle

Why visit: A fairytale castle — one of the most beautiful in the Czech Republic, often used in films. Tower climb and guided tours available.

Getting there by public transport: From Olomouc main bus station take a bus toward Loštice or Bouzov - usually **line 890343** or **890342**



2. Šternberk Castle

Why visit: Gothic-Renaissance castle with guided tours, exhibits, and beautiful town views.

Getting there by public transport:

Train from Olomouc hlavní nádraží → Šternberk (ČD regional line, departs roughly every 30–60 min).



3. Náměšť na Hané Château

Why visit: Elegant Baroque château with beautiful park and richly decorated halls.

Getting there by public transport:

From Olomouc bus station take bus **890344** to *Náměšť na Hané, zámek*.



4. Čechy pod Kosířem Château

Why visit: Romantic château in an English-style park, connected to painter Josef Mánes.

Getting there by public transport:

Take bus **890331** from *Olomouc* → *Lutín* → *Čechy pod Kosířem*.



5. Velký Kosíř Hill & Lookout Tower

Why visit: Gentle “Haná Mountain” with a wooden lookout tower and open countryside views.

Getting there by public transport:

Bus **890331** (same as for Čechy pod Kosířem Château).



6. Svatý Kopeček / Olomouc Zoo

Why visit: Stunning Baroque basilica with panoramic city views; nearby forest zoo with lookout tower.

Getting there by public transport:

City bus no. 11 from *Náměstí Hrdinů* → final stop *Svatý Kopeček – bazilika*.



7. Litovelské Pomoraví Protected Landscape Area

Why visit: Lush forests and rivers — ideal for cycling, hiking, or canoeing.

Getting there by public transport:

Train Olomouc → Horka nad Moravou (ČD regional line).



8. Plumlov Château

Why visit: A striking and unusual Renaissance-Baroque château built high on a rock above a lake. Known for its *narrow, tall shape* and scenic views. Offers guided tours, concerts, and open-air events in summer.

Getting there by public transport:

From Olomouc main bus station take **bus 890331** or **890332** toward *Prostějov → Plumlov*.



Here is also the list of **places to work out or stay active in Olomouc.**

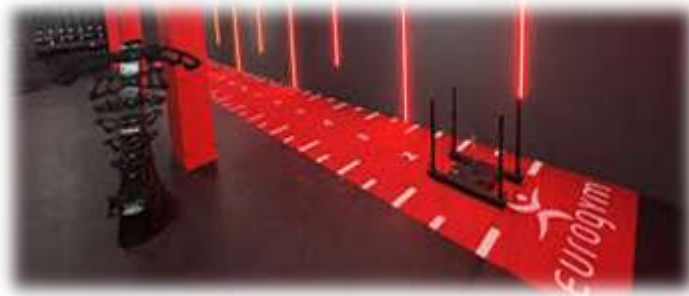
1. Eurogym (near FNOL)

Type: Fitness & gym center

Vibe: Big, modern, with full cardio and weight equipment - perfect for everyday training.

Strength & cardio zone, group classes (TRX, Body Pump, Spinning)

Student memberships & day passes available



2. Yoga Point Olomouc

Type: Hot yoga & pilates studio

Vibe: Calm, minimalistic, focused on balance and well-being.

Hot yoga, classic yoga, pilates, and relaxation sessions

English-friendly classes



3. Ultimate Fitness Olomouc

Type: CrossFit & strength training gym

Vibe: Energetic, community-driven, perfect for high-intensity workouts. -

CrossFit, weightlifting, mobility [sessions](#), personal training



4. Flash Wall Olomouc

Type: Indoor climbing gym

Vibe: Modern bouldering hall with chill zone & café.

Bouldering routes for all levels, Intro lessons for beginners



5. Koruna Gym (Club Koruna) / SMASH GYM

Type: Martial arts & group fitness center

Vibe: Community-based, energetic, family-friendly.

Try: Kickboxing, karate, self-defense, Cross training
Jumping & cardio classes



6. Sokol Olomouc / Muay Thai

Type: Traditional sports center

Vibe: Classic Czech gym with a mix of martial arts, gymnastics, and fitness.

Try: Boxing, judo, general fitness. Affordable, inclusive, and historic — perfect for students looking for regular sports activities.



7. Extra: Outdoor & Casual Fitness

Bezručovy sady & Smetanovy sady — running paths, outdoor fitness stations, and open green areas for yoga or stretching.

Náplavka by the river — popular for jogging, roller skating, or outdoor workouts in summer.



Some final thoughts about our little city – enjoying Olomouc like a local.

Olomouc may be small, but that's exactly its charm. Everything — from cafés and wine bars to parks and landmarks — is just a **few minutes' walk apart**, making it one of the most walkable and relaxed cities in the Czech Republic.

Spend your days wandering the historic squares, sipping coffee in hidden courtyards, or enjoying a lazy afternoon in Smetanovy or Bezručovy sady.

If you have any questions or looking for something specific? Don't hesitate to ask us — we'll be happy to help and point you in the right direction.

